

What is an HBCU?

HBCU stands for *Historically Black Colleges and Universities*. It is a federal designation established by the Higher Education Act of 1965 that applies to any accredited postsecondary institution founded before 1964 with the primary mission of educating black Americans. Today, there are 101 HBCUs across the country and 7 in Tennessee.

Consider applying to an HBCU:

There are many reasons why a Tennessee HBCU may be a good fit for you! Here are five reasons everyone should consider applying to an HBCU:

Student-Centered

At a Tennessee HBCU, you will always be more than just a number, since most HBCUs have smaller than average student-to-faculty ratios. Many current students and alumni often comment on the personal attention they received from their professors, advisors, and other mentors on campus.

Academics

You will receive a world-class education at any of Tennessee's HBCUs. There are a variety of majors and programs available, from agribusiness to data science to entrepreneurship. Across the state, HBCUs account for graduating 20% of all black bachelor's degrees, and over 25% of engineering degrees, 41% of biology and biomedical science degrees, 23% of health professions degrees, and 32% of physical sciences degrees among black undergraduates.

Affordability

At a time when many families are concerned about the rising costs of college, Tennessee's HBCUs are a low-cost option compared to other alternatives. Tuition at both public and private HBCUs in Tennessee are below the national median for 4 year institutions. And, nearly \$10 million in state financial aid was awarded to students at Tennessee HBCUs in 2016-17.

Diversity

Admission to Tennessee's HBCUs has always been open to all students from all races, religions, and nationalities. On campus at an HBCU, you will find an interesting mix of people from all different backgrounds and walks of life. In fact, Tennessee State University is in the top 10 most diverse HBCUs in the country!

History and Tradition

Each HBCU has a unique history behind it. Whether it is the story of how the institution was founded, or the history of centuries of sustainability, Tennessee's HBCUs give their students a sense of pride and inclusion in a rich, cultural heritage. For example, did you know that the Fisk University Jubilee Singers are the reason Nashville is called the Music City?

Find out more!

To find out more information about Tennessee's HBCUs, visit their websites or contact the Admissions Office to schedule a campus tour!



Tennessee Undergraduate HBCUs

American Baptist College

Nashville, TN

www.ABCNash.edu

Admissions: 615-687-6907

Fisk University

Nashville, TN

www.Fisk.edu

Admissions: 615-329-8666

Lane College

Jackson, TN

www.LaneCollege.edu

Admissions: 731-426-7533

LeMoyne-Owen College

Memphis, TN

www.LOC.edu

Admissions: 901-435-1500

Tennessee State University

Nashville, TN

www.TNState.edu

Admissions: 615-963-5101